

Appl. No.  
Amdt. dated December 1, 2003  
Preliminary Amendment

PATENT

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Prior to examination of the above-referenced patent application, Applicants request that the above-noted amendments be entered.

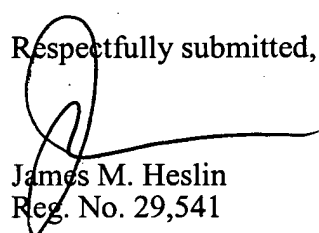
The amendment to the title clarifies the nature of the claimed invention.

The addition to the specification finds complete support in great grandparent provisional application 60/060,938, filed on October 23, 1997, the full disclosure of which has been incorporated in this patent throughout the chain of pendency.

**CONCLUSION**

If for any reason the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would in any way expedite prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (650) 326-2400.

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